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U.S. Patent Application No. 09/997,137  
Applicant: Ming-Chih Chang, et al  
"Centralized Network Storage System..."  
Our Ref: B-4394 619332-2

Dear Examiner Divecha:

Enclosed is a Submission to the non-Final Office Action mailed on April 17, 2006, consisting of:

Response and Amendment dated July 14, 2006 (10 pages)

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 17, 2006, a reply to which is initially due by July 17, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All remarks and amendments herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.